## The White Desert

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(Continued From Our Last Issue)

She pressed her lips tight.

"I'm not going to tell—yet. You've got to do something for me first. I'm in trouble—" she was speaking rapidly now, the words flooding over her lips between gasps, her eyes set, her hands knitting.

"He ran away and left me for three days. The fire went out—now baby—" hysterical laughter broke from her dry lips—"My baby died, and still he didn't come. He—"

"Agnos!" Houston grasped her hands. "Try to control yourself! Maybe he couldn't get back. The storm—"

"Yes, the storm! It's always the storm! We would have been married—but there was the storm."

Then she halted, for the briefest part of a moment, to become suddenly madly cajoling, crazily cunning.
"Listen Barry You want to know things. I can tell them to you—oh so many of them. I'll tell them too—if you'll only do this for me. It's my baby—my baby. Won't you promise for me? Take her to a priest—please, Barry—and have her burled in hallowed ground. Won't you, Barry! Do you want me to die too—or do you want me to live and tell you why I did the things I did? Do you want to keep the could not frame the request. Instead, "I—I can't tell you. I've given a woman my word. She request. Instead, "I—I can't tell you. I've given a woman my word. She request, Instead, "I—I can't tell you. I've given a woman my word. She request. I wouldn't understand—if you went there. With Ba'tiste, it is different. He is a doctor. He has a right, I—
"I' understand." came quietly, and in those two words Houston felt that to her, he was the father; the quelt form in his arms his own child!
"You are asking something almost impossible. The nearest priest is at a settlement near Crestline."
"Crestline?" Houston instinctively turned toward the hills, a bleak, for-bidding wall against the sky. "Will you lend me Lost Wing to run an orrand? I want to get Ba'tiste—for her."

"Crestline."

She spoke to the Indian in Sloux then and drew away. Housion, pointing with his head, instructed the red-skin.

The Sioux started on, soon to be got! I can't can't there. But her

of assistance." "You can. Tell me where I can find a price?—the baby is dead." "Oh." She touched the bundle ever so softly. 'I didn't know.' Then with a sudden thought; "But her mother. She must need..."

mother. She must need—"
"Only a doctor. I will try to get
Ba'tiste to come out."
"But couldn't I—"
"I'm sorry." He felt that he was
miring himself hopelessly. He wanted
to tell the truth, to ask her aid, to
send her back into the woods to the
assistance of the stricken woman



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there. But he could not frame

her aversion to the man himself, she came forward, touching the blankets, then lifting one edge ever so slightly that she might peer beneath. "Whore did you find it? Whose is it?"

Houston sought vainly for words. And the words seemed to come unbidden:
"Does it matter?"

"Oes it matter?"

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The man himself, she indicated heavy, secure drifts. As they went higher, and the wind breat against them with its hail of splintered ice particles. Houston saw her heavily gloved hands go to her face in sudden pain and remain there. The man went to her side, and grasping her by the shoulder, stopped her. Then, with out explanation, he brought forth a den:
"Does it matter?"
"Of course not." She looked at him
queerly. "I merely thought I could be
of assistance."

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shoulder, stopped her. Then, without explanation, he brought forth a
heavy bandanna handkerchief and
tied it about her features, as high



Together they went on again, grace less figures in frozn clothing.

as possible without shutting off the Her eyes thanked him.

"A mile more."
She said no more. He nodded in answer and extended a hand to aid her over a slippery stretch of ice-coated granite. The snowfail ceased, to give way to spasmodic flurries of driving white. And it was in one of the moments of quiet that Medaine pointed above.

Five splotches showed on the mountain side—the roofs of as many cabins, the rest of them were buried

uwake." "Awake?"
"Yes, I'd rather—keep watch."

But there is nothing—"
"Illness—a snowslide—a fresh drift
would feel easier in mind. Good

Then with his snowshoes and his sened. Colored clot pack of death, he went out the door, to plunge through another drift, to forge his way into a cabin, and there go soddenly about the duties of com-

fort. The wind-swept night became windswept dawn, to find him still grim and drawn and haggard with sleep-lessness and fatigue. Then he rose at a call from without:

at a call from without:

"Are you ready?"

He affixed the pack. Together they went on again, graceless figures in frozen clothing, she pointing the way, he aiding her with his strength, in the final battle toward the summit of the range—and Crestline.

Noon. And a half-cry from both of them, a burst of energy which soon faded. For above was Crestline—even as the little settlement had been—smokeless, lifeless. They had gone from here also, burrying humans. gone from here also, hurrying humans flecing with the last snowplow before the tempest, beings afraid to remain, once the lines of communication were

Broken.

Roofless houses met them, stacks of crumpled snow, where the beams had cracked beneath the weight of high piled drifts; staring, glassless windows and rooms filled with white. Gloomly Houston surveyed the desolute nighters at less to turn to the

late picture, at last to turn to the (Continued in Our Next Issue.)

## General Retreats Hastily



WASHINGTON, May 3.—For the second time in three months, firemen first hand source of information concarly today battled with a stubborn fire on the roof of the treasury department which for a time assumed Lincoln is gone.

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It comes the reason of the treasury department which for a time assumed menacing proportions as the flames, burning through a long superstructure as threatening glow on the White House while sparks wafted across to its surrounding terrace.

When discovered at 1:45 a. m., the flames already had gained considerable headway and were 30 or 40 feet high when fire apparatus arrived at the scene. Gaining impetus about that time from a dult rumbling explosion which firemen believe was caused by building materials stored for use in the present work of raising the roof of the structure, the biaze cast a bright glow on the night sky over the downstown section before it began to subside under the effect of water from a dozen hose lines. The White House and Owashington monument stood out in sharp relief in the fantastic light of the flames.

HARDINGS AROUSED

Awakened by White House attendans, President and Mrs. Harding dressed and from a window watched the firemen battle the flames in the nearby structure.

When checked after about 30 minutes of effort, the flames had burned of the building throught one section of the sort. The firemen has persident and had spread to parts of the central point of the form the firemen battle the flame in the nearby structure.

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d in aid the same nature as that which occurred on the treasury roof during of fice hours, when hundreds of employes were in the building, last February 8. This was extinguished without heavy damage.

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OMAHA BUSINESS FIRE

OMAHA, Neb., May 2.—Fanned by a stiff breeze that drove billows o in snow. No smoke came from the slanting chimneys; no avenues were shoved to the doorward.

"Gone!" Houston voiced the mono"Gone!" Houston voiced the mono-

EASIER LAUNDERING

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If the clothes which must be washed posit \$14.500,000.

The suggestion will be given conwashed at the night before, the rubbing sideration during the convention, it is on wash day will be considerably lessened. Colored clothing and stockings should not be allowed to thus remain dent. suggested the establishment of in water, however.

YORK. Nebr., May 9.—Recovery from the Missouri river of a partially petrified torso and head believed to be that of John Afflebach, former deputy sheriff, who disappeared six years ago while bringing a prisoner in water, however.

Ada Jones, prominent at the believed 2 guest. Ada Jones, prominent at the believe

passed the remainder of her life here. Two sons, Dr. H. G. Saunders of Santa Badbara, and James Saunders of Sis-

## PLAN TO OPEN BANK

acing nearby structures, fire early today destroyed a three story brick building in the heart of the downtown business section. Loss from the fire origin of which has not been detertioned away. At last they reached the cabins. There was no wood, he tore the clapboards from a pearby cabin and the tar paper from the wind-swept roof. Five minutes later a fire was booming; a girl tired, bent-shouldered, her eyes drooping from a sudden desire for sleep, huddled near it. Houston walked to the pack and took food.

The shall be in the next cabin awake."

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building in the heart of the downtown business section. Loss from the fire origin of which has not been determined, is estimated at \$100,000.

To firemen were slightly injured by broken glass.

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SAN RAFAEL, Calif, May 3 — Fire
starting from a defective flue imperiled 12 children in the nursery of
the Presbyterian orphanage at San
Anseimo, south of here Tuesday and
destroyed the orphanage. The loss was
estimated at \$100,000.

EASIER LAUNDERING

Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and
Station Employes of the United States
and Canada. Mr. McCaleb outlined a
proposition for establishment of a cooperative bank by that organization.
Many co-operative banks already
have been established on the plan proposed, he said, including the bank of
the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, organized in Cleveland only a
year and a half ago, which has on deyear and a half ago, which has on de

# CHANG HALTS DRIVE ON PEKING

Troops Being Rushed Up for Decisive Battle; Wounded Unaided

PEKING, May 3.—(By The Asso-ciated Press.)—It was announced at General Chang-Tso-Lin's headquarters today that General Wu-Pei-Fu, the central Chinese leader, had been killed in action. The announcement has not been otherwise confirmed. The for-eign legations here are investigating. BOTH LOSE HEAVILY.

PEKING, May 3—(By the Associated Press.)—The Fengtien army, under General Chang-Tso-Lin, has for the moment at least, successfully with-stood the drive of Changsintien, and stopped General Wu-Pel-Fu's movement toward Peking The cost, how-ever, has been heavy and Changsintien is filled with wounded, many of whom are dying from lack of medical atten-

While Chang has succeeded in this action, there has been no apparent ad-vantage of consequence for either side in the general fighting along the 100 mile front from here to Tien-Tsin and both commanders are rushing up reinforcements in preparation for a deci-

WILL CUT RAILWAY.

General Chang's communications are threatened both from front and from the rear for Wu has thrown 40,-000 troops against his right center in an effort to cut the Peking-Tien-Tein rallway, while Admiral Tu-Shin-Kwei has notified the Nanking consular body of his intention to cut the rali-way connecting the Peking-Tien-Tsin road with Mukden, General Chang's base. This raliway is within the range of naval guns at Chinwangtao.

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At the eastern end of the battle
front, General Wu is marching 20,000
troops toward Machang, one of the
Fengtieners' strongholds, where heavy
fighting has occurred for three days.
Meanwhile word comes through
Shankhai that Sun Yet Sen, president of the southern government, is prepar-ing to send aid to Chang-Tso-Lin. He will strike at the psychological mo-ment, it was said, sending troops either through Hankow or Nanking the route depending on the outcome of present conflict.

the present conflict.

Meanwhile three Chinese cruisers are engaged in an attempt to destroy the Mukden railroad at Shanhaikwan.

BLAST SHAKES PEKING.

Fighting has been resumed south the Peking wall. A terrific explo-on this morning shook the windows of the city. It was attributed to the destruction of an arsenal by bombs dropped from airplanes operating for

General Chang's army.
Admiral Joseph Strauss, commander of the American Asiatic fleet, after a conference with Minister Schurman ordered the gunboat Wilmington to proceed immediately from Hongkong Tien-Tsin. The foreign vessels now at Tlen-Tsin include three Japanese torpede hoats, a British submarine tender, a French gunboat and an Italian gunboat. They will guard the from Taku to Tien-Tsin.

elleged to provide for a monopoly of the distribution of half, and some say the whole of Russia's oil output

#### FOUR BOYS NABBED AS 'POLITE BANDITS'

CHICAGO, May 3.—Four youths, one the son of Major James Monroe Hollman of the regular army, and one the son of James L. Perkins, wealthy the son of James L. Perkins, wealthy iron and steel broker, were held by the detective bureau in connection with recent holdups. Two of the youths, known as the 'polite bandits' because of the gentlemanly manner with which they approached their victims, were identified by 10 persons they held up, it was reported.

Boasting that they were the most polite bandits working, they were said to have confessed an average of five

to have contessed an average of five to six holdups a week for the last three weeks. Hollman is said to have served a term in a New York City reformatory for larceny.

#### PETRIFIED HUMAN BODY DISCOVERED





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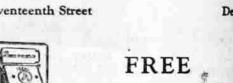
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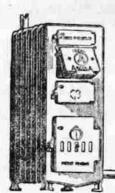
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Afflebach had in custedy at the time of his disappearance, Harry Randolph, whom he was bringing back to York from Montana to face an automobile theft charge and it was head to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mrs. Hubbard to be, "was Mrs. Hubbard to be," was Mr rork from Montana to face an automobile theft charge, and it was believed at the time that the officer had been killed by his prisoner. Randolph was killed in Detroit, Mich. over a year ago in a battle with police. So far as known here, he never made a statement concerning Afflebach.

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BOSTON, May 3 .- William B. Hub- ADA JONES, NO. bard was shot to death Tuesday by his wife, Carrie N. Hubbard, at her BODY DISCOVERED bedroom door after he had chased her about their home, enraged over the attentions that he believed a guest, at a great the policy of the policy of the policy she had been paying to her. Mrs. the policy she had fired to be that of John Afflebach, former deputy sheriff, who disappeared six deputy sheriff at the sheriff at the had chased her about their home, enraged over the attentions that he believed a guest. Edward Pitlock, 22 years old, of Chi-star, died in a local sort sheriff at the had chased her about their home, enraged over the attentions that he believed a guest. However, and the sheriff at the had chased her about their home, enraged over the attentions that he believed a guest. However, and a sheriff at the sh

Hubbard was said to be his wife of having beat with Pitlock and to have young man to leave his be-defended Pitlock and the rel followed.

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OUT TO LUNCH TODAY,
AND HE ASKED ME IF I
KNEW ANY OFFICERS THAT
OUGHTA BE PROMOTED—I'LL HAVE
TO TELL HIM WHIT A FINE FELLOW JAMES HOWELL YOU'LL REMEMBER HIM!



